

THE REPUBLIC OF UGANDA

AND IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT NO. 1 OF 2012

**AND IN THE MATTER OF WOMEN AND GIRLS RIGHTS ADVOCACY
UGANDA(WAGRAU) LIMITED [COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE]**

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I, **DEBORAH AKELLO** of C/O M/s Kakuru and Company Advocates, Plot 7 and 9 Second Street Industrial Area, Box 6256 Kampala do solemnly make oath and state as follows:

1. **THAT** I am a female adult of sound mind aged 27 years and a lawyer by profession.
2. **THAT** I am the founder and the Executive Director of Women and Girls Rights Advocacy Uganda (WAGRAU) Limited, a company limited by guarantee (Not Profit making) under the Company law of Uganda having been incorporated on the 5th day of July 2017 under registration number No. 80020000233362.
3. **THAT** I have committed myself to fight for the rights of disadvantaged girls and women and I have been working as an only individual offering free legal services and advocacy to women in the rural communities and formally war affected region of Teso especially in my home districts of Serere and Amuria since my third year of law school in 2012.
4. **THAT** I have and still do carry out sensitization to various communities on the rights of girls and women, the advantages of respecting these rights, disadvantages of violating these rights and the various redress and referral paths available.
5. **THAT** due to the overwhelming number of violations committed against women such as deprivation of property, domestic violence, sexual assaults with impunity, discrimination at education, employment, leadership roles and resource allocation (especially land yet women comprise 80% of agricultural labour producing what doesn't belong to them) WAGRAU was incorporated so as to have a wider and effective coverage of the communities by setting clear goals, objects, strategies and mission aided by various individuals of different expertise including grass root women.
6. **THAT** WAGRAU'S mission is to promote respect of women's rights through advocacy and training, community education/sensitization, strategic partnership and constructive engagement of duty owners with the duty bearers.



7. **THAT** recognizing that real change comes from the power generated by the people; WAGRAU empowers the women to demand for the respect of their rights and dignity.
8. **THAT** WAGRAU has a unique Community Based Solution Driven Approach (CBSDA) used to address women's rights related challenges. WAGRAU works with grassroots women to identify the widely perceived women's challenges, these are discussed together. Causes of the challenges and solutions workable are brought forward, adopted and goals, objectives and activities agreed upon. This guarantees not only effective problem solving or solution but also ensure posterity of the solution long after the project ends.
9. **THAT** I believe and know that women have the wisdom and capacity to determine their needs and aspirations. Only they know their situation better and as such, only they can find the most effective ways of resolving urgent situations but at the same time develop long term solutions that will impact generations to come and to this end, WAGRAU is a women's led organization.
10. **THAT** under the Company law of Uganda, a company incorporated as limited by guarantee does not have share capital and does not make profit to be distributed to members.
11. **THAT** as such it carries out charitable activities and support community empowerment programs.
12. **THAT** WAGRAU shall upon availability of funding, register and obtain Non-government organisation (NGO) status.
13. **THAT** I swear this affidavit confirming that WAGRAU is a company limited by guarantee which is not licenced to carry out business to make profit in Uganda and any funding obtained from your entity shall be used to carry out charitable work according to rules governing WAGRAU, your principles of accountability and funding and the international and national laws governing use of donations for charity activities.
14. **THAT** all I have stated hereinabove is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.



SWORN at Kampala
this 20th day of July 2018
By the said **DEBORAH AKELLO**



DEPONENT

BEFORE ME

NOTARY PUBLIC

AUGUSTIN SSEMUKULA
Commissioner for Oaths
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